Plans for energy conservation and management

1180. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid any emphasis on energy conservation and management plans;

(b) if so, what measures have been taken in this regard so far; and

(c) what are the details of the plan drawn up for its implementation during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The measures taken in this regard include fixation of annual energy consumption targets for energy intensive industries, conducting energy audits, training of personnel as Energy Managers, demonstration programmes in rectification of inefficient agricultural pumpsets, modification of standards covering electrical appliances, grants of fiscal incentives, launching of a multi-media public awareness campaign and creation of a nodal cell to coordinate and review the progress of energy conservation activities.

(c) Detailed plan for implementation of energy conservation measures during the Eighth Five Year Plan period has not been drawn up so far.

Extra loading charges by the collieries

1181. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the collieries of the Coal India Limited have resorted to back-door methods for getting higher realisations from consumers by extra charges in one form or the other;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these collieries have started charging Rs. 5 a tonne extra loading charges over and above the surface transportation cost recovered from the consumers; and

(c) whether Government have issued instructions to the collieries to reduce loading points to prevent their collecting higher surface transport charges from consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Coal India Limited is charging the consumers only the price as permissible under Government of India's price notification dated 22-12-1987. Under clause 10 of the notification, the collieries transporting coal beyond a distance of 3 Kms. from pit-head to the railway sidings, are entitled to charge actual transport cost from the consumers in addition to the price of coal. Accordingly, all collieries, where transportation from pit-head to the siding exceeds 3 Kms, have been charging transport cost. Transport charges include actual cost of transportation of coal from pit-head to the sidings as well as cost of loading coal in the trucks at pit-heads.

(c) Rail loading points are decided between Railways and Coal India Limited. Reduction in such loading points has been necessitated due to single point rake loading and dispensing with small sidings. This has resulted in increase in surface transportation of coal from pithead to rail heads. Surface transportation charges are being levied on customers as per Government price notification dated 22-12-1987.